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NEW WEB SITES FOR FIRE INFORMATION IN ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service unveiled today its new web site aimed at providing customers with easier access to wildland fire information.

"The new web address is http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs where customers will find information including photographs, annual reports, and newsletters, in addition to fire updates, maps, aviation information, and weather data," said AFS Technical Systems Branch Chief John Palmer.

The Alaska Fire Service's previous web address at http://fire.ak.blm.gov now hosts the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center's web site. The AICC is one of 11 Geographic Area Coordination Centers located throughout the United States. It serves as the primary logistical support center within Alaska, mobilizing resources such as aircraft, personnel, equipment, and crews to fight wildland fires and support disaster relief efforts. The AICCs other main role is collecting and disseminating intelligence information.

"Both sites are linked so that customers can visit either web site and effortlessly connect to the other site," said Palmer. "This centralizes information, making access to important wildland fire information easier and more logical."

For more information visit http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs or call (907) 356-5511.

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The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides: wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska and assists those entities with other fire management activities, including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska; and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.